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and I talked about this bill, and some of the other senators here were in on the discussion, it seemed to us this is good public policy to do now and, to allow counties into this interim zoning process, probably there shouldn't be any date at all on it. Probably we should allow any county in the future that wants to do interim zoning, before it gets into zoning, to do so. But that was not acceptable to a lot of people and so Senator Raikes and I and others just chose June 1 of 2000, which will allow us to get through one more legislative session, come back and address any issues that we may have. Otherwise, Senator, we may be back here on the floor again next year dealing with this same kind of bill all over again, and I don't think that we want to do that.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Well, my comments would be that I'm not disagreeing with you, but we had interim zoning legislation last year and certainly there are counties out there that don't seem to be interested in zoning for one...until a crisis comes along and then, all of sudden, they run to the Legislature and said we want...they say, we want interim zoning legislation. And I did support interim zoning legislation that Senator Schmitt introduced last year and so count me as part of one of those persons that thinks there's a good idea there. But at some point in time don't we have to draw a line in the sand and say, look, you've had your chance; maybe it's time that you take the responsibility instead of keeping running to us and say...say what can we do to...what can you do to help us out? And so more counties are zoning, there's more interim zoning, but I think we need to have the discussion and I want to...I wanted to have you clarify why the date was changed, and there may be some discussion on an alternate date and, if that's the case, I will listen. And, like I said, my main interest in this...in this amendment is that it doesn't jeopardize the bill and I think if you can get good support for it, it won't jeopardize the bill and it will be good sound legislation. So I'll give the rest of my time back to the Chair.

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: Thank you, Senator Schrock. For further discussion on the Schimek amendment, Senator Schmitt, followed by Senators Bohlke, Wehrbein, Jones, Beutler, Raikes, Janssen, Matzke, and Schimek.